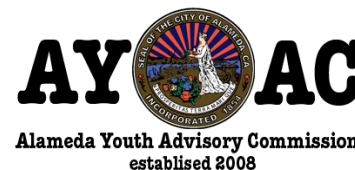




**MINUTES OF
ALAMEDA YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING FOR DECEMBER 9, 2008**



DATE: Tuesday, December 9, 2008
TIME: 5:01 p.m.
PLACE: Room 360, City Hall, corner of Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street,
Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Bhaani Singh, Hannah Bowman, Lamont Carter, Ilya Pinsky, Anjuli Sastry, Angela Sterling-Vick, (Vice-Chairperson Jordan Flores – Late)

Absent: Maggie Mei

Staff: Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor (RS)
Andy Wong, Teen Coordinator (TC)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of November 3, 2008, Youth Advisory Commission Meeting

M/S/C **Pinsky / Bowman** (Unanimously approved)

“That the Minutes of November 3, 2008 Youth Advisory Commission meeting are approved.”

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

None

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. New Business

A. Apparel, uniform, name badges, etc.

T/C Wong stated the Alameda Youth Advisory Commission already has a logo, and with that logo, they can include it onto their apparel (t-shirts, promotional items, etc.). There will be a set up charge (\$250-\$500), plus the cost of the product(s), e.g.: ARPD staff uniforms (\$20 - \$40). Commissioner Sastry asked if shirts can be personalized. Staff stated yes, but there will be extra fees. Chairperson Singh would like to set up a sub-committee to work on this process and report to the Youth Commission at the next meeting. Commissioner Sastry expressed interest and the sub-committee will coordinate with R/C Wong.

M/S/C **Sastry / Pinsky** (Unanimously approved)

“That a sub-committee work on the apparel design”.

6. UNFINISHED BUSSINESS

A. Reduction of Vehicle Trips at Schools (Discussion / Action)

Updates from the specific tasks that have been assigned from the past meeting:

1. Talked to school resource officer: Anjuli- Alameda, Bhaani and Jordan-Encinal
Chairperson Singh stated the School Resource Officer was busy, and moved onto seeking information from Principal Mike Cooper. VP Cooper stated morning traffic is worse then afternoons. One suggestion was that no turning Southbound onto third street(to the Swim Center/ Athletic Field) be allowed from Central from 7:30AM – 8:30 AM & 2:30PM – 3:30PM. Change AC Transit bus schedules to arrive earlier at Encinal High School.
2. Talked to neighboring residents: Commissioner Bowman- Alameda and Encinal.
Many responses from residents included safety issues (e.g. drivers speeding, installing more speed bumps, speed enforcement by Police). At Walnut & Alameda Ave.(Alameda High), a group of local citizens have already gotten together to discuss the congestion problem. Residents felt that too many teens were driving, and not enough were car pooling. The group mentioned reckless driving by the students. Their suggestions were to install speed bumps and provide better parking. Enforcement of traffic laws before school, during lunch, and after school hours will help. Parking: Central Ave., Encinal Ave., Walnut St. and Oak St. Parking by students slows traffic and limits residential parking for the neighbors. Key issue is promoting carpooling for teens.
3. Written updates to City Council by Chair Bhaani and Commissioner Pinsky.
4. Talked to Secretaries: Maggie- Alameda, Lamont- Encinal
Student parking onsite at Encinal High School with the use of parking permits, also the use of reserved parking.
5. Talked to Traffic Officers at Alameda Police Station: Angela and Hannah
Commissioner Sterling-Vick and Bowman had no response from the Police Department after contacting them.
6. Talked to Principals: Jordan and Bhaani-Encinal, Anjuli-Alameda
Commissioner Sastry spoke to Principal Janvier, who felt the school and Student Site Council had already taken steps on this issue before, such as contacting AC Transit to adjust bus schedules, extended markings on curbs for drop-off zones, working with the City on issuing Faculty parking permits. Students and parents are double parking which constricts the flow of traffic. Also, drivers are blocking the faculty parking gate/entrance (Walnut and Alameda) preventing faculty from entering, forcing them to wait and block traffic.

Commissioner Pinsky will establish a priority list in resolving the flow of traffic such as: limiting turns, parking, double parking, reserved parking for residential parking only, designating student drop off zones, providing crossing guards, and more enforcement of traffic laws. The list will then be forwarded to Council. R/C Wong suggested promoting a campaign of health by recommending bike/walk to school, carpooling, busing to school, and reviewing AC Transit bus scheduling and routing, etc. R/S Wong also stated that when communicating to Council, the information will need to be done in a report format. Both R/S Russi and R/C Wong will review the draft report prior to forwarding to Council. R/C Wong also suggested that Commissioners start talking to the school faculty, administrators, and students to create buy in.

B. Teen Needs Assessment Survey - (Discussion / Action Item)

Commissioner Sastry will continue to discuss with the Youth Commission how to proceed with College of Alameda, One Stop Career Center, and the High School's Counselors on the next Career Fair.

M/S/C Carter / Bowman (Unanimously approved)

“That this agenda item be moved to the next Youth Commission meeting”.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

RS Russi invited Youth Commissioners to the “Alameda Holiday Walk” on Saturday, December 13, 2008, at 9:00 AM. At the walk, the Youth Commission can speak and promote who/what the Youth Commission is and current projects.

RC Wong informed the Youth Commission that the Alameda Youth Committee is planning an “Alameda Got Talent” event. The Talent Show will be held on Friday, March 6, 2009. Alameda Youth Committee will also approach the Youth Commission to invite a Commissioner to be a possible judge.

Chair Singh invited the Youth Commission to “AP Song Fest” performance at Encinal High School, on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

8. Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, January 13, 2009; 5:00 PM (City Hall, Room 360)

9. Adjournment 6:12 PM